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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Jan MULDER ) Confirmation No.5631  
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/716,882 )  
Filed: November 20, 2003 )

For: ELEMENTARY AND COMPLEX COUPLING DEVICES, AND THEIR USE

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Parts of Application dated March 3, 2004, submitted herewith are the following documents for filing in the above-referenced application:

1. Declaration and Power of Attorney (which is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b))
2. Late Filing Fee Surcharge of **\$130.00** (for providing the Oath or Declaration later than 30 months from the priority date).
3. Additional claim fees of **\$54.00**
4. Statutory basic filing fee of **\$770.00**
5. Certified priority document

Please find enclosed a Credit Card Charge Form in the amount of **\$954.00** to cover the filing fee. To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 07-1337.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kenneth M. Berner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of **\$54** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$954** for a Large Entity

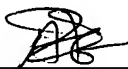
- **\$770** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$54**
  - **\$54** for 3 total claims over 20.

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